

$^{173}\text{Er}$   $\beta^-$  decay 1972Pu02

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Parent:  $^{173}\text{Er}$ :  $E=0.0$ ;  $J^\pi=(7/2^-)$ ;  $T_{1/2}=1.4$  min  $I$ ;  $Q(\beta^-)=2600$  SY;  $\% \beta^-$  decay=100.0

Sources from  $^{176}\text{Yb}(n,\alpha)$  ( $E(n)=14-15$  MeV, natural and enriched (96.43%) Yb oxide targets); measured  $E_\gamma$ ,  $I_\gamma$  (Ge(Li),

FWHM=650 eV at 60 keV and 3.5 keV at 1333 keV), prompt and delayed  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $\gamma\beta$  coin (combinations of Ge(Li), NaI and plastic detectors).

Some sequences of transitions in cascades are undetermined; decay scheme shows choices dictated by structure considerations.

 $^{173}\text{Tm}$  Levels

Band structure: see Adopted Levels.

E(level)	$J^\pi$	$T_{1/2}$	Comments
0.0	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> )	8.24 h 8	
2.46 14	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
118.60 14	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
124.86 15	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )		
317.73 20	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	10 $\mu$ s 3	$T_{1/2}$ : from $\gamma\beta(t)$ .
411.9 3	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )		
1212.9 4	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )		

 $\beta^-$  radiations

$\beta^-$  feedings are from intensity imbalance at each level and absence of feeding to g.s. band.

E(decay)	E(level)	$I\beta^{-\dagger}$	Log $ft$	Comments
(1387 SY)	1212.9	63 5	4.5	av $E\beta=$ 490
(2188 SY)	411.9	13 6	5.9	av $E\beta=$ 800
(2282 SY)	317.73	23 8	5.7	av $E\beta=$ 900

$\dagger$  Absolute intensity per 100 decays.

γ(<sup>173</sup>Tm)

I<sub>γ</sub> normalization: from total I(γ+ce) from 317.7 level=100% (γβ coincidence data show absence of direct feeding to g.s. band, consistent with ΔK=3). With this normalization, however, the total transitions to the <sup>173</sup>Tm g.s. is 114% 11; the 1/2[411] rotational structure is of course not uniquely determined by the coincidence results. Band parameters support the proposed level sequence.

I<sub>γ</sub>(Tm K x ray)=140 30 (exp) and 134.6 (from decay scheme), relative to I<sub>γ</sub>=100 for 199.2γ.

<u>E<sub>γ</sub></u>	<u>I<sub>γ</sub><sup>‡</sup></u>	<u>E<sub>i</sub>(level)</u>	<u>J<sub>i</sub><sup>π</sup></u>	<u>E<sub>f</sub></u>	<u>J<sub>f</sub><sup>π</sup></u>	<u>Mult.<sup>†</sup></u>	<u>δ</u>	<u>α<sup>#</sup></u>	<u>I<sub>(γ+ce)</sub><sup>‡</sup></u>	<u>Comments</u>
(2.46 20)	0.24 3	2.46	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> )	[M1]		933	223 22	α(M)= 702 E <sub>γ</sub> : deduced from energy difference between 116.14γ and 118.6γ. I <sub>(γ+ce)</sub> : deduced from intensity balance at 2.5 level (no direct β <sup>-</sup> feeding for decay to g.s. band (ΔK=3)). I <sub>γ</sub> : deduced from I(γ+ce) and α. α(K)= 3.16; α(L)= 0.479; α(M)= 0.106; α(N+..)= 0.0310 α(K)exp=3.8 7.
94.2 2	10 2	411.9	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )	317.73	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	(M1)		3.78		
<sup>x</sup> 96.1 <sup>x</sup> 101.2 <sup>x</sup> 111.5 116.14 4	39 6	118.60	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	2.46	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )	(M1+E2)	0.5 +11-5	2.01 15		α(K)= 1.5 5; α(L)= 0.4 3; α(M)= 0.08 7; α(N+..)= 0.024 19 α(K)exp=1.5 5. α(K)= 0.702; α(L)= 0.717; α(M)= 0.174; α(N+..)= 0.0485 α(K)= 0.647; α(L)= 0.622; α(M)= 0.151; α(N+..)= 0.0420 α(K)exp=1.1 9. α(K)= 0.0498; α(L)= 0.00748; α(M)= 0.00166; α(N+..)= 0.000463 %I <sub>γ</sub> =46.6 24. Mult.: deduced from α(total)=0.09 17, required by decay-scheme intensity balance; α(K)exp<0.9 is consistent with E1, but does not rule out M1 and/or E2.
118.6 2	5.3 13	118.60	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	0.0	(1/2 <sup>+</sup> )	[E2]		1.64		α(K)= 0.0457; α(L)= 0.00685; α(M)= 0.00152; α(N+..)= 0.000424
122.40 4	43 5	124.86	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	2.46	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )	(E2)		1.46		Mult.: E1, M1, or E2 from α(total)=0.31 20. Decay scheme requires E1. Intensity balance; α(K)exp<0.9 is consistent with E1, but does not rule out M1 and/or E2.
192.8 2	97 10	317.73	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	124.86	(7/2 <sup>+</sup> )	(E1)		0.0594		Observed by 1973DrZK; no ΔE or I <sub>γ</sub> reported.
199.2 2	100	317.73	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	118.60	(5/2 <sup>+</sup> )	(E1)		0.0545		
315.2		317.73	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )	2.46	(3/2 <sup>+</sup> )					

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$\gamma(^{173}\text{Tm})$  (continued)

<u><math>E_\gamma</math></u>	<u><math>I_\gamma^\ddagger</math></u>	<u><math>E_i(\text{level})</math></u>	<u><math>J_i^\pi</math></u>	<u><math>E_f</math></u>	<u><math>J_f^\pi</math></u>
800.8 6	20 7	1212.9	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )	411.9	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )
895.2 4	112 8	1212.9	(9/2 <sup>-</sup> )	317.73	(7/2 <sup>-</sup> )

† From  $\alpha(\text{K})_{\text{exp}}$ , as deduced from  $I(\text{Tm K x ray})/I_\gamma$  in coincidence spectra, except where noted.

‡ For absolute intensity per 100 decays, multiply by 0.480 24.

# Total theoretical internal conversion coefficients, calculated using the BrIcc code ([2008Ki07](#)) with Frozen orbital approximation based on  $\gamma$ -ray energies, assigned multipolarities, and mixing ratios, unless otherwise specified.

x  $\gamma$  ray not placed in level scheme.

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Decay Scheme

Intensities:  $I_{(\gamma+ce)}$  per 100 parent decays

Legend

- $I_\gamma < 2\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- $I_\gamma < 10\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- $I_\gamma > 10\% \times I_\gamma^{max}$
- - - - -  $\gamma$  Decay (Uncertain)

